

RI Health Benefits Exchange Advisory Board Wednesday January 9th; Brown Continuing Education

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Meg Curran (Chair), Geoff Grove (Vice-Chair), Tim Melia, Michael Gerhardt

I. Presentation

Mr. Salganik, Exchange staff, provided an overview of the individual and business requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and options for insurance affordability programs

Board Questions and Discussion

Advisory board members asked about the cost sharing reductions (CSRS) and how available plans will be presented on the web portal. Additional questions included how will the CSRS be implemented particularly if the consumer's change in income results in an adjusted co-pay. A discussion ensued about potential ways to notify the customer about their change in co-pay. Mr. Salganik also clarified for Advisory Board members that eligibility for insurance affordability programs is determined using Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) calculation.

Members also asked about the ACA regulation requiring employers to notify their employees of the existence of the Exchange by March 1, 2013. This deadline has since been postponed to coincide with the October 1, 2013 open enrollment period.

II. Public Comment

The chair asked for public comment. Steve DeToy, RI Medical Society announced that the hope that Payment Reform Workgroup of the Health Reform Commission will begin meeting again.